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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 4-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 4-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) **HUNG VAN DUONG**
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ **PRIMARY EXAMINER**
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 4, 6-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nishimura et al (US 2005/01722218).

Regarding claims 1, 4, 6-7 Nishimura et al disclose an information processing apparatus comprising: a display case 3 provided on a main body 2 of the information processing apparatus; a driving mechanism 31 which opens or closes the display case 14 on the main body 10; and means 59 for remotely controlling operations of the driving mechanism 31 via an embedded controller/keyboard controller IC (68), wherein the driving mechanism opens the display case 3 when a predetermined device of the information processing apparatus starts a predetermined operation wherein the driving mechanism 31 opens the display case 3 synchronous with a startup timing of a program in accordance with operation of the means 59 for remotely controlling the driving mechanism; means 59 for controlling display 3 of a display device 7 provided in the

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display case 3 associated with operation of the driving mechanism 31 wherein the driving mechanism 31 opens and closes the display device 7 with a speed set by an instruction from a user.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishimura et al (US 2005/01722218) in view of Ohmi et al (US Pat. 5,956,194).

Regarding claim 5, Nishimura et al disclose all the subject matter of the claimed invention except for the means for remotely controlling the driving controls the driving mechanism via one of a wireless LAN, BlueTooth, an infrared-ray communication, and a telephone line. However Ohmi et al disclose the driving controls the driving mechanism via one of a wireless LAN, BlueTooth, an infrared-ray communication (see Ohmi et al's column 23, lines 30-45). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill to utilize the driving controls the driving mechanism via one of a wireless LAN, BlueTooth, an infrared-ray communication of Ohmi et al into Nishimura's driving control to be convenient in new technology.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Du et al (US 2003/0188144) teach personal computer integrated with personal digital assistant.

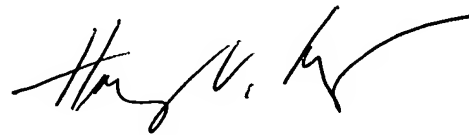
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung Duong whose telephone number is (571) 272-2041. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30 to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn D. Feild can be reached on (571) 272-2092. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hung Duong', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Hung Duong
Primary Examiner.